

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (previously presented) An estimated price providing apparatus for an automobile comprising:

a first database in which an automobile manufacturer's suggested retail prices are registered in advance for respective predetermined automobile specifications that the automobile manufacturer can supply;

at least one second database that includes an automobile dealer's estimated prices that are registered in advance for automobile specifications corresponding to said respective predetermined automobile specifications;

customize means for allowing a user of an information terminal connected to said estimated price providing apparatus via a communication line to select an automobile of desired specifications in accordance with the respective predetermined automobile specifications by operations from the information terminal;

first price providing means for referring to said first database and transmitting the manufacturer's suggested retail price for an automobile of desired specifications selected by said customize means to the information terminal;

dealer select means for allowing the user to select the automobile dealer by operations from the information terminal after said first price providing means transmits the manufacturer's suggested retail price; and

second price providing means for transmitting an estimated price of the automobile dealer selected by said dealer select means for the automobile of desired specifications when the automobile dealer is selected by said dealer select means and transmitting the desired specifications selected by said customize means to the information terminal in a name for the automobile dealer selected by said dealer select means.

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